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In re Application of :  
Susan Carol et al. : DECISION ON PETITION  
Serial No. 10/686,449 :  
Filed: October 15, 2003 :  
For: COLORANT PACKETS AND METHODS: RELATING THERETO :

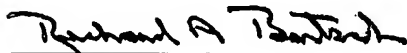
This is a decision on the petition to make special filed on May 25, 2004. The petition is submitted pursuant to the practice established in MPEP § 708.02(II) "Infringement." The \$130.00 petition fee has been received.

The petition is granted.

A review of the petition shows that petitioners have satisfied all of the requirements of the above-cited MPEP section. Accordingly, the examiner will treat this application as special throughout its prosecution. Prior to the first action on the merits, the examiner will conduct a rigorous search for potentially interfering applications. The interference search will be brought up to date prior to each successive action.

The Supervisory Patent Examiner of Patent Examining Art Unit 3727 will be notified of this decision, and will inform the assigned examiner to take action not inconsistent with this decision.

PETITION GRANTED.



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